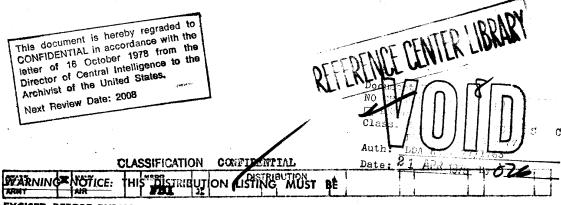
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- The Communists in Sac Faulo are reported to be willing to take up arms in defence of the autonomy of the State so as to acquire arms "legally," which they will later use to assume control of the State. For this reason they are ready to support Governor de Barron against President Dutra, in spite of their dislike of the Governor.
- It has been reported that on 26 March 1948 the Governor sent an emissary to Milton Cairos de Brito, a Communist leader in Sao Paplo, in an attempt to secure his support in the struggle for autonomy. Brito refused to see the 25X1A

Comment: It is to be noted that Brito and several signatories of a Communist proclamation opposing federal intervention in Sao Paulo were arrested on 31 March 1948, shortly after the Minister of War visited Sao Paulo and held lengthy discussions with the Governor.



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